GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WITH NSCN (IM)
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ceasefire agreement with NSCN (IM) has been extended as reported in Jansatta dated August 01, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed with Naga leaders;

(c) whether NSCN (IM) has started selling arms or renting weapons to other outfits in the North Eastern region;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether NSCN (IM) is still indulging in extortion and illegal taxation;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of progress made towards a lasting settlement of Naga issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): Pursuant to discussions held between Government of India team and NSCN (I/M) leaders during 29th - 31st July, 2006, the ceasefire has been extended by one year i.e. upto 31st July, 2007. Besides the substantive issues, measures to strengthen the ceasefire monitoring mechanism were discussed.

(c) & (d): Government have no report regarding selling/renting of weapons by NSCN (I/M) to other outfits in the North Eastern region.

(e) & (f): There are some reports of extortions by NSCN (I/M) who have, however, denied their involvement in any such activity.

(g): The talks are continuing. It will not be desirable to disclose further details.